(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to accord a deemed infrastructure status to Indian- machine tool manufacturing industry in view of its highest value addition among all engineering industries;

(b) if so, the details of new policy decision under consideration of Government;

(c) what are the other industries which have been accorded deemed export status during the last three years; and

(d) what is the present status of machine tool industry and special package of incentives formulated/under formulation to boost up investment in terms of emerging growth potential of this industry in the global market?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Industries are not accorded the deemed export status.

(d) Presently there are over 200 manufacturers of machine tools in large, medium and small scale sector. Total investment in this industry is around Rs. 1000 crore and it provides direct and indirect employment to more than 7,00,000 people. Product range of the industry not only includes General Purpose Machines but also state of art high precision and high productive machines like Flexible Manufacturing System, all types of CNC machines, Industrial Robots, etc. The production of metal cutting and metal forming machine tools is estimated to be approximately Rs. 8100 millions in 1996-97 against the production of Rs. 7400 millions in 1995-96 and Rs. 6500 millions in 1994-95.

Government have taken Steps to improve availability of credit, reduce interest rates and to improve the overall investment climate in the country for accelerated industrial growth. At present, there is no special package of incentives under consideration for machine tool industry.

Wagons ordered by Railways

510. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDAY:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of IND*USTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the wagons ordered by Railways on Wagon India through rolling stock programme in 1995-96;

(b) the actual date of delivery vis-a-vis the scheduled date of delivery by the constituents of Wagon India; and

(c) the reasons for delay in execution of the orders, if any, by public sector Wagon industries, unit-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The wagon ordered by Railways on Wagon India Limited through rolling stock programme in 1995-96 was 8700 Four Wheeler Units.

(b) The actual date of delivery vis-a-vis scheduled date of delivery is given in the annexed statement, *(see below)*

(c) The reasons for delay are non availability of free supply items, shortage of bogies and couplers, shortage of working capital etc.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the firm	Type of Wagon and quantity ordered		Original delivery period	Month of completion
1.	Bharat Wagon	BOXN	350	31.12.95	(November, 95) ..... _

S. No.	Name of the firm	Type of Wagon and quantity ordered		Original delivery period	Month- of completion
	Muzaffarpur	BOXN	135	31.3.96	(March 96)
2.	Bharat Wagon	BOXN	395	31.12.95	(November, 95)
	Mokameh	BOXN	290	31.3.96	(October 96)
3.	Braithwaite	BCNA	712.5	31.12.95	(November, 95)
	Calcutta	BCNA	855	31.3.96	(November, 96)
4.	Burn Standard	BOXN	455	31.12.95	(October 95)
	Burnpur	BOBRN	347.5	31.12.95	(August 96)
		BOXN	542.5	31.3.96	(February 96)
5.	Burn Standard	BCNA	770	31.12.95	(December 95)
	Howrah	BCNA	157.5	31.3.96	(December 95)
6,	Jessop Calcutta	BOXN	210	31.12.95	(November, 95)
7.	Cimmco	BOBRN	487.5	31.12.95	(December 95)
	Bharatpur	BOXN	330	31.3.96	(January 96) .
8.	Texmaco	BOXN	575	31.12.95	(July 95)
	Calcutta	BOBRN	165	31.12.95	(December 95)
		BOXN	630	31.3.96	(February 96)
9.	H.G.I. Nangloi	BOXN	222.5	31.12.95	(December 95)
	Delhi	BOXN	162.5	31.3.96	(February 96)
10.	Modern	BCNA	242.5	31.12.95	(December 95)
	Industries Ghaziabad	BCNA	197.5	31.3.96	(February 96)
11.	HDC	BOXN	342.5'	31.12.95	(October 95)
	Calcutta	BCNA	125	31.12.95	(November 95)

Procurement programme of the railways

511. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rolling stock proceurement programme of the Railways for 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) if so, the likely impact of the same on the Public sector wagon industry and the action plan of the Government to sustain the necessary production level in those units; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Government is aware of the rolling stock procurement of the Railways for 1997-98. Rolling stock procurement programme of the Railways for 1998-99 has not been finalised. A press tender for 27,000 FWUs has recently been published on behalf of Ministry of Railways.

(b) The load on public sector .companies for 1997-98 is 9750 FWUs,